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August 31, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: TOM BETHELL

RE: Interview with Mrs. A. C. JOHNSON

After returning from Ft. Worth with Bill Boxley on Thursday, August 24, 1967, Boxley and I visited 1026 N. Beckley Avenue, where we interviewed Mrs. A. C. JOHNSON.

As she was preparing supper we stayed only a short time to avoid antagonizing her in case we wanted to see her again.

She furnished the information that OSWALD would use the pay telephone in thehall "2 or 3 times a day" and would speak Russian.

She told us that OSWALD kept his room neatly despite the fact that he ate make-shift meals in there. She added that she was surprised that they discovered a pistol holster in his room and then went on to explain that of course she never would do such a thing as to look through his dresser drawers. It was clear to Boxley and I that she obviously had looked through his things, otherwise, she would have had no basis for being surprised at the discovery of the holster.

Mrs. JOHNSON also said that in the turmoil in OSWALD's room following the assassination, one of the curtain rods was bent or pulled down by a detective.

It was noted that access to OSWALD's room is via the main living room, where residents frequently sit and watch television. In other words, OSWALD did not have a private entrance to his room.